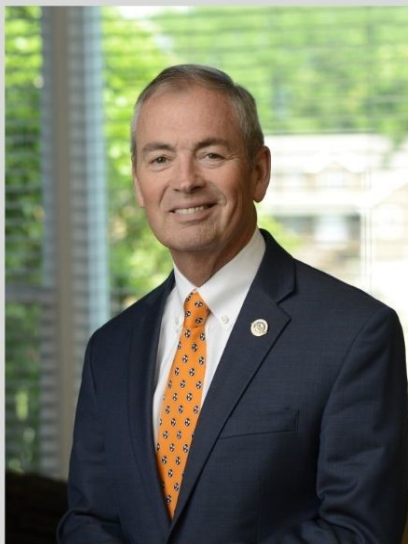




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# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto  
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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## ***A Word from Mayor Hutto...***

We know that spring is here when buttercups begin to bloom in Tennessee. The varieties of yellow and orange in our flower gardens and along our roadways remind us that the dreary weather will soon turn into sunny days. Tennessee's famous buttercups grow in an environment much like the reminder they bring us. The yellow-petalled flowers first begin as bulbs planted in the cold winter soil. After several weeks and much to our surprise, they sprout and then bloom into beautiful shades of gold.

I recently gave the State of the County Address, where I updated our citizens on Wilson County's latest projects and accomplishments. I am always ready to share the positive developments that are going on in our county, and the State of the County Address is the perfect time to do just that! While the past year has brought with it many difficult circumstances, our county has continued to triumph. We are the third fastest growing county in the state. In addition to that, our finances are in order, and we recently saved taxpayers \$6.5 million dollars by refinancing two bonds. Furthermore, our cities are rated as some of the best places to live in the state.

During the State of the County Address, I explained a crucial lesson that the past months have taught me. Through the challenges of last year comes the recognition of what is truly important. I have learned that focusing on the present and living in the moment is crucial. Each moment of our day—whether it is good or bad—brings meaning to our journey. As we journey into the spring season, I challenge each of our readers to live in the moment and look toward a brighter tomorrow. Look around you. Spring is here!

A handwritten signature of Randall Hutto in black ink.



## Commissioner Spotlight: Justin Smith District 25



### Contact INFORMATION

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This month is  
World Autism Month



World Autism Day is April 2, 2021

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*Easter!*

Wilson County Government  
Offices will be CLOSED on Friday,  
April 2, 2021 in observance of  
Good Friday. Offices will re-open  
Monday, April 5, 2021 at their  
regular business hours.





## Administrative Professional's Day

Administrative Professional's Day is recognized on April 21st. It goes without saying that I am blessed to have a wonderful staff in my office. The photo to the left was taken in February 2020, just before the March 3rd tornadoes and COVID-19 Pandemic hit our county. The past year has been challenging for many of us, but my office staff have powered through and worked to make each day better for our citizens. Thank you to my assistants Sara Davenport, Susan Shaw and Brooke Driver, as well as to our County ADA Coordinator, Jim Kidwell, and Director of Maintenance, Robert Baines (not pictured), for all that they do in my office for the citizens of Wilson County!

Happy Administrative Professional's Day!



## THDA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

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# WORKFORCE ESSENTIALS AND ADULT LEARNING CENTER PARTNER TO OFFER ESL COURSES

AMI Construction recently partnered with the Adult Learning Center to offer its employees an English as a Second Language (ESL) course. ESL courses are vital to help non-English speakers become fully engaged in their work environments, families, and communities. Learning English will benefit their health and safety, increase self-sufficiency, and increase civic-pride. The courses take place at AMI's office before work starts to make it easy for employees to fit the class into their busy schedules. The Adult Learning Center offers this program at no cost to AMI or its employees, and to further incentivize this program, AMI pays participants for their time spent in class. "It is exciting to see a company like AMI respond to the needs of its employees and invest not only in the future of the company, but also in the lives of their employees. I am excited to see the communication within the company improve and am encouraged by the lasting effects it will have for the families and communities in which some of these first generation English learners work and live. The Adult Learning Center and Workforce Essentials collaborating with AMI is opening opportunities by unlocking the language barrier that keeps these men closed off to many parts of their communities. They have been a pleasure to teach and have been eager to learn as evident by attending early morning and weekend classes," said Karissa Oldham, ESL Instructor. Currently, there are sixteen students enrolled in the ESL courses, and they are taught by one teacher. Of course, during this day in time, precautions against the spread of COVID-19 must be taken. Therefore, both the students and their instructor wear masks and remain socially distanced during their courses. "I'm always so encouraged when I see companies like AMI Construction that are willing to invest in workplace adult education classes. The impact of these classes is a huge win for all involved. For employers, improved language skills often means fewer safety issues and a more skilled staff capable of advancement opportunities. For employees, they experience more confidence, a better quality of life, and more loyalty towards their employer offering the classes," said Sarah Simmons, ESL Coordinator for Workforce Essentials. Rusty McDonald, the President of AMI, further explained AMI's role in beginning this program for their employees. "AMI has always been more than just a place to work. We pride ourselves in providing a culture in which our employees can grow and thrive professionally and personally. We found that language barriers have prevented our employees from reaching their full potential, so we looked for a way to help resolve that issue for them. While options exist for our employees to learn English independently, we felt that offering the ESL class at the office would be the most convenient option for them and allow them the best chance to succeed. And, we wanted our employees to know that we are continually investing in them by providing opportunities such as this. The Wilson County Adult Learning Center was the perfect partner to make this happen. The classes are conducted at our office before work starts making it easy for our employees to fit them into their day. Since the classes are provided at no cost to us or our employees, we felt that gave us the ability to incentivize the participants by paying them for the time spent in class. We have challenged each student with the goal of conducting their year-end performance reviews in English this coming December. We can't thank Sandy Anderson, Karissa Oldham, and the Adult Learning Center enough for helping AMI and our employees by providing the ESL classes." Additional ESL classes are located at Rutland Elementary in Mt. Juliet. Please call 615-443-8731 for additional information.





## WEMA DISTRIBUTES N-95 MASKS TO SENIOR ADULTS

WEMA hosted a N-95 mask giveaway on March 17th on the Lebanon Public Square, Watertown Public Square, and Mt. Juliet City Hall. At each of these locations, about two-hundred N-95 masks were given away. The Wilson County Mayor's Office would like to send a special thank you to all of the WEMA employees that made this possible!



Pictured: Colton Young, AEMT/FF(right), gives away N-95 masks at Mt. Juliet City Hall.



Pictured (left): Shannon Cooper, Division Chief, gives away masks on the Watertown Public Square.



Pictured: Suzanne McKinney, Finance Manager, distributes masks on the Lebanon Public Square.



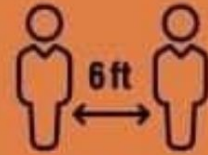
# Remember the 3 W's



**WEAR  
A MASK**



**WASH  
YOUR HANDS**



**WATCH  
YOUR DISTANCE**



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# TAX DAY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXTENDED TO MAY 17TH

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced on March 17, 2021 that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days.

"This continues to be a tough time for many people, and the IRS wants to continue to do everything possible to help taxpayers navigate the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic, while also working on important tax administration responsibilities," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Even with the new deadline, we urge taxpayers to consider filing as soon as possible, especially those who are owed refunds. Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds, and it can help some taxpayers more quickly receive any remaining stimulus payments they may be entitled to."

Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until Oct. 15 by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Filing Form 4868 gives taxpayers until October 15 to file their 2020 tax return but does not grant an extension of time to pay taxes due. Taxpayers should pay their federal income tax due by May 17, 2021, to avoid interest and penalties. The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds associated with e-filed returns are issued within 21 days.

This relief does not apply to estimated tax payments that are due on April 15, 2021. These payments are still due on April 15. Taxes must be paid as taxpayers earn or receive income during the year, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. In general, estimated tax payments are made quarterly to the IRS by people whose income isn't subject to income tax withholding, including self-employment income, interest, dividends, alimony or rental income. Most taxpayers automatically have their taxes withheld from their paychecks and submitted to the IRS by their employer.

## State tax returns

The federal tax filing deadline postponement to May 17, 2021, only applies to individual federal income returns and tax (including tax on self-employment income) payments otherwise due April 15, 2021, not state tax payments or deposits or payments of any other type of federal tax. Taxpayers also will need to file income tax returns in 42 states plus the District of Columbia. State filing and payment deadlines vary and are not always the same as the federal filing deadline. The IRS urges taxpayers to check with their state tax agencies for those details.

For more information on the extended due date, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

*Tax Day for individuals extended to*

**MAY 17**



[www.irs.gov/news](http://www.irs.gov/news)



# TENNESSEE NOW VACCINATING AGES 55+, PHASE 2A AND 2B; SOON TO BEGIN VACCINATING ALL ADULTS

Tennessee is currently in the COVID-19 vaccination Phases 2a and 2b, as well as adults ages 55+. Phases 2a and 2b include Tennesseans employed in critical infrastructure industries. The Tennessee Department of Health's full description of Phases 2a and 2b can be found online at [covid19.tn.gov](https://covid19.tn.gov).

On March 22, Governor Lee announced that by April 5, all Tennesseans ages 16 and over will become eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Eligibility for those in Phase 3 of the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan will run concurrently with age-based eligibility. Phase 3 includes residents and staff members of congregate living facilities including college dormitories, group homes and shelters and those in the corrections system. Phase 3 also includes grocery store workers who were not eligible for vaccination based on previous age or risk-based categories. To help ensure vaccines are available to these populations, direct allocations of vaccines will be made to these facilities.

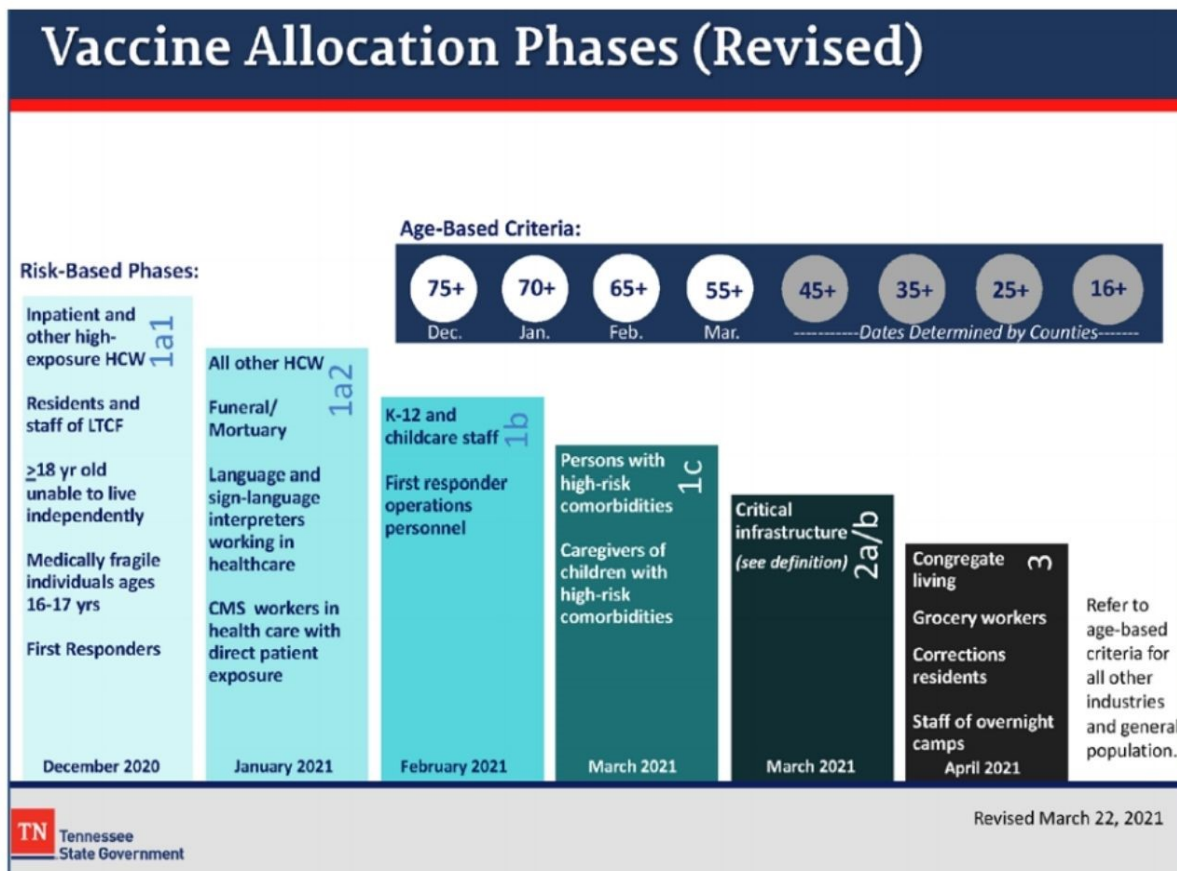
Tennessee continues to see increasing supplies of COVID-19 vaccines, which allows the state to rapidly accelerate eligibility to receive the vaccination.

To schedule a vaccination appointment, those in the appropriate phase may register by phone at 866/442-5301 or online at [covid19.tn.gov](https://covid19.tn.gov). Those wishing to schedule an appointment may also contact these local pharmacies, as they are now certified to administer the COVID-19 vaccine: Walmart and Kroger pharmacies, Gibbs Pharmacy, Del Mar Medical, and Neighborhood Health.

Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan prioritizes those most at risk of illness and death from COVID-19. Tennessee will continue to move through phases of the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan as vaccine supplies increase.

Tennesseans can find information on the phases eligible for vaccination in their county and, when eligible, register for vaccination through their county health department at [covid19.tn.gov](https://covid19.tn.gov). Due to their independent operations and larger populations, Tennessee's metropolitan counties may have different instructions, so residents in these areas should check with local authorities about their plans.

The Tennessee Department of Health reminds all Tennesseans that in addition to vaccination, wearing a face mask, maintaining social distance, and getting tested when exposed or sick are critical to controlling the pandemic.





# MAYOR HUTTO DECLARES APRIL AS 'SAFE DIGGING MONTH'

Each year the underground utility infrastructure of Wilson County is jeopardized through unintended damage by those who fail to contact 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, and personal injury or even death. Mayor Hutto proclaimed the month of April as Safe Digging Month in Wilson County, and he encourages all citizens to call 811 before starting a digging project. Tennessee 811 and its nearly 600 member utilities promote the "Call Before You Dig" number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designed by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their one call center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site. Through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money and help keep our nation safe and connected by making a simple contact to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining a visual definition throughout the course of the excavation and digging with care around the marks.



Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto pictured as he signs the Safe Digging Month Proclamation



DO I QUALIFY?	
# of Household Members	Monthly Income Limit
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2	\$2,489.25
3	\$3,075.00
4	\$3,660.66
5	\$4,246.33



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- Social security cards for everyone in home
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- Photo ID for head of household
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- Military ID or DD-214
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- 2020 Social Security benefit/award letter
- Paystubs for last 30 days
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No person on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, ancestry, status as a veteran, or any other characteristics protected by Federal, State or Local law will be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the operation of the LIHEAP program. This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Housing and Development Agency.



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- Developmental and health screenings as well as disability and mental wellness support
- Parent and community engagement opportunities

#### Case Management

- Identifies and overcomes barriers to economic self-sufficiency
- Goal setting, money management, life skills, education and job assistance, classes



#### Elderly, Disabled, and Veterans Services (EDVS)

- Promotes independent living situations and provides particular types of assistance specific to these populations (eyeglasses, medical supplies, etc.)
- Personal hygiene pantry

#### Nutrition Program

- Food pantries
- Quarterly commodity distributions in each county

#### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Assists with home energy costs (electric, gas, etc.)
- One time energy assistance
- Immediate crisis assistance

#### Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- Insulation and weather stripping, plus much more
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#### Emergency Assistance

- Households facing crisis situations
- Assistance with rent, mortgage, essential utilities



**MCCA Wilson County | 112 Webster Lane, Lebanon**  
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Aging brings many joys, but our older years can also bring difficult life transitions and the loss of loved ones.

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**If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the following, we can help:**

- Recently experienced a traumatic event
- Loss of spouse or close family member
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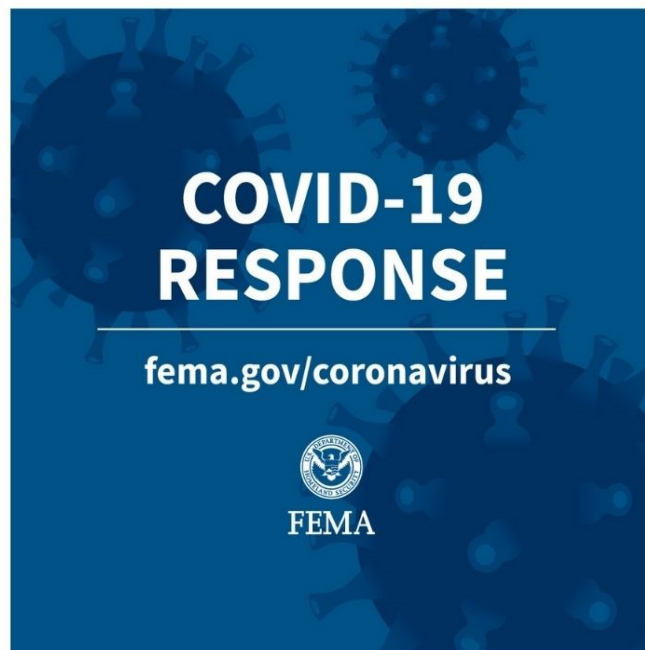


## FEMA TO PROVIDE COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

We all experienced so much grief during the last year. If you have lost someone due to COVID-19, FEMA will start providing financial assistance in April for funeral expenses suffered after January 20, 2020. To be eligible:

- The death must have happened in the U.S.
- The death certificate must indicate the reason was due to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen but the deceased person does not.

To learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit [www.fema.gov/coronavirus](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus).



## GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS

The Governors Volunteer Stars Awards (G.S.V.A.) is an initiative from Volunteer Tennessee that seeks to recognize outstanding volunteers from each of Tennessee's 95 Counties. The program is now in its thirteenth year, and the participating counties conduct a call for nominations and recognize one outstanding youth and one outstanding adult volunteer. Wilson County is unique in that we recognize all our nominees. Congratulations to all of our nominees and winners! Your volunteerism and dedication to our community is sincerely appreciated.



Pictured: Cas Wucher, Adult Nominee



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## AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE FUND ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS *submitted*

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) is accepting applications from agricultural, food, and forestry businesses to receive cost-share funding through its Agricultural Enterprise Fund (AEF) program.

The AEF awards grants to starting or expanding businesses in Tennessee and supports Governor Lee's priorities in distressed counties. Awards are made to those who demonstrate a strong potential for impact on local farm income, access to markets, increased capacity, or agricultural innovation.

"We look forward to supporting strong and impactful projects across our state with these strategic cost-share investments," Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "The positive results from previous grant recipients is evident, and we anticipate continued growth of agribusinesses through this round of the Agricultural Enterprise Fund."

The application for the AEF program can be found online at [agriculture.tn.gov/AEF/AEF\\_Application/Create](http://agriculture.tn.gov/AEF/AEF_Application/Create), and the deadline to apply is April 1, 2021. Businesses must include proof of financing and a business plan with their application for it to be considered.

"The Agricultural Enterprise Fund program allowed us to expand in ways that will impact not just us, but our local economy," Claire Getty of Thompson Appalachian Hardwoods in Huntland said. "We now work with more loggers and forest landowners from our community, our county, and our region."

In total, the Agricultural Enterprise Fund has awarded nearly \$4.3 million in funding to Tennessee businesses, leading to more than \$59 million in private investments from agriculture and forest-product business development since the program's launch in 2017. You will find more information about the Tennessee Agricultural Enterprise Fund at [www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/aef.html](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/aef.html) or by emailing Will Freeman at [william.h.freeman@tn.gov](mailto:william.h.freeman@tn.gov).

## M.C.H.R.A. SEEKS VOLUNTEERS IN WILSON COUNTY *submitted by Cindy Rudolph*

The Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency's Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for the rights of thousands of residents in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and homes for the aged in Wilson County and 12 additional counties in Middle TN. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is a partner agency with the United Way of Wilson County. Ombudsman staff consists of three District Ombudsmen, an Ombudsman Assistant, and 35 trained volunteers. Trained, certified Ombudsman volunteers normally pay regular visits to these facilities where they spend time with residents, monitor conditions, investigate complaints, educate regarding abuse and neglect and protect residents' rights. The program offers mediation, complaint resolution, and public education for residents and their families. Now that Covid restrictions are being lifted, the need for independent, objective observation and reporting is greater than ever.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is actively recruiting for volunteers in the Wilson County area. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16 hour virtual training. The next training session will be held May 5th and 6th. Those interested in assisting have until Monday, April 26 to contact the program by sending an email to [cindy.rudolph@mchra.com](mailto:cindy.rudolph@mchra.com) or by calling 615-850-3918.





# WILSON COUNTY STORMWATER DEPT. GIVES AWAY 1,135 TREE SAPPLINGS ON TENNESSEE TREE DAY

The Annual Tennessee Tree Day was a success here in Wilson County! Held on March 19th, the Stormwater Department gave away a total of 1,135 tree saplings at their office. Other Stormwater entities including the cities of Lebanon and Mt. Juliet partnered with the Tennessee Environmental Council for Tennessee Tree Day as well. The goal of this day is to help local communities recognize the many benefits of trees. Thank you to the Stormwater Department for making this day possible, as well as to the participants that stopped by to pick up their new trees!

## Tennessee Tree Day (types of trees distributed)

Sycamore	Loblolly Pine	Short Leaf Pine	Beauty Berry Bush	American Plum	Northern Red Oak	Bald Cypress	Redbud	Button Bush	Pecan	Elderberry	Total
75	250	25	50	100	175	100	100	150	100	10	1,135



## RECOVER WILSON OFFERS FLASH FLOOD ASSISTANCE

As a result of the flash flooding event on March 27-28, 2021, Recover Wilson encourages impacted residents to begin requesting assistance. Recover Wilson asks that residents affected by the flash flooding event request assistance by visiting <http://bit.ly/RecoverWilson>. Available resources will then be matched to the needs of those affected.

**Recover Wilson County  
Flash Flood  
Request for Assistance**  
<http://bit.ly/RecoverWilson>



## Basic Digital Literacy & Resume Class

**Thursday April 8th & 22nd 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### – WHAT YOU WILL LEARN –

Class topics include: Computer Basics, Email, and Online Job Search from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Resume writing class follows from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. You must attend Computer Basics and Online Job Search prior to attending Resume class.

### – OTHER INFORMATION –

Space for this class is limited to allow for social distancing. You need to sign up for this class in advance by calling 615-742-4151 or emailing [Training@givegw.org](mailto:Training@givegw.org)

### – WHERE & CONTACT INFO –

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# MARCH CATTLE SHOWS AT THE AG CENTER

The Tennessee Beef Agribition shows were held at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center during March 12-14, 2021. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee attended the first two days of the Agribition shows. During the cattle show on Friday, March 12th, two-hundred heads of cattle were sold. During the Youth Judging Contest, led by Chairman of Judging, Zack Butler, one-hundred eighty-four youth participated in the judging contest, and three-hundred sixteen heads of cattle were shown. Thank you to all of those that participated as well as to those in attendance!



Pictured: Roland Springer shows steer in youth judging contest



Pictured left to right: Gov. Bill Lee, Zack Butler



## A MESSAGE FROM TDOT

The bridge over Jug Creek on State Road 266 is being repaired. The roadway will be reduced to one lane for bridge repair through June 2021.



## Office Productivity Skills Course

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday- April 12, 13 & 15, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### – WHAT YOU WILL LEARN –

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint
- Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Sheets and Drive

### – OTHER INFORMATION –

Students must complete a basic computer assessment before attending class. Space for this class is limited to allow for social distancing. You need to sign up in advance by calling 615-742-4151 or emailing Training@givegw.org

### – WHERE & CONTACT INFO –

Nashville Goodwill Career Solutions  
937 Herman Street, Nashville, TN 37208  
For more information and to register, contact our office: 615-742-4151

## BLOOD DRIVE

ONE DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES

## Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[bloodassurance.org/vwchwed](https://bloodassurance.org/vwchwed)

and

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[bloodassurance.org/vwchmon](https://bloodassurance.org/vwchmon)

To schedule an appointment, click on one of the links above.  
Or contact Trudy (931) 239-9411 or [trudy.cody@bloodassurance.org](mailto:trudy.cody@bloodassurance.org)

Please eat a good meal, drink additional water, avoid energy drinks and bring your I.D.

Donors will receive a "Never Stop the ADVENTURE of Saving Lives" t-shirt  
Donors will be entered into a drawing for a "2021 Side-by-Side"



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